GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC road and drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta(M) in erstwhile East Godavari District - Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao**, the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta (M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.603 **Dated:11.10.2023.**
Read the following:-

1.Vigilance Report No.48(C.No.311/V&E/E/2019-1). Dated :28-11-2022

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against **Sri D. VeeraBhadra Rao** the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta (M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalemin accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. **Sri D. Veera Bhadra Rao**, the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta(M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalemis directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao**, the then MEO, MPP,Kothapeta(M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article ofcharge.

5. **Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao**, the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta (M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of **Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao**, the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta (M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalemis invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of the order beacknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao, the then MEO, MPP, Kothapeta (M) erstwhile East Godavari District and presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P., Velagapudi
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy. C.M for PR&RD,
The Spl.Chief Secretary to Gov,. PR&RD. Dept.,
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMEDAGAINST SRI D.VEERA BHADRA RAO, THE THEN MANDALENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKINGAS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, RAVULAPALEM, EASTGODAVARI DIST.(ERSTWHILE).

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Article of charge:

That Sri D.Veera Bhadra Rao, while working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Kothapeta, erstwhile East Godavari Dist. (presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem, East Godavari Dist.(erstwhile)) has executed and recorded substandard quality of concrete work: CC road & drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta (M) in erstwhile East Godavari District, thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri D.VeeraBhadra Rao, while working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Kothapeta (presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem, East Godavari Dist.(erstwhile)) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.VEERA BHADRA RAO, FORMERLY, MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, RAVULAPALEM, EAST GODAVARI DIST.(ERSTWHILE)

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Basis:

In the Vigilance Report No.48(C.No.311/V&E/E/2019-1), dt.28.11.2022 of the Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department officials enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC road & drain at Gollakotivaripalem (V) of Kothapeta (M) in erstwhile East Godavari District based on the petition received from Sri BandaruSrinivasa Rao, S/o Sri Suryanarayana, Gollakotivaripalem (V) and reported as follows:

V&E inspected the road cum drain work in Gollakotivaripalem Village of Modekurru(V) on 18.04.2019 in the presence of field officers and representative of the contractors:

The work mainly consists of the following:

i. VCC M-20 grade for CC road using20MSA
ii. VCC M-15 grade for drain using 20MSA (Copy of estimate enclosed as Annexure-A6)

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By the time of V&E inspection, CC road for a length of 209.00m with a width of 4.20m and thickness of 0.17m was recorded in M.Book under MGNREGS. The remaining length of 92.80 m (301.80m-209.00m) of CC road was also executed under SDF, CC drain for a length of 79.30m was completed and the same was recorded in M.Book under MGNREGS. As of now, no bill was preferred and no payment was made to the agency tilldate.

Physical measurements of CC drains were verified and found to have fairly tallied with recorded measurement in M.Book. The Mandal Engineering Officer recorded the measurements pertaining to MGNREGS and the concerned Dy.E.E. check measured as per rules in vogue.

The departmental QC officials did not inspect the work and QC certificate was not issued.

As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000, concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.

Sl. No.	Grade of concrete	Permissible equivalent cube compressive strength limits	
		Individual strength (N/mm^2)	Average strength (N/mm^2)
1	M20	15.00	17.00
2	M15	11.25	12.75

Concrete cores were extracted from hardened concrete of CC road and drain and test by engaging 3rd party agency viz. M/s KDM Engineers (India) Private Ltd., NABL accredited Laboratory, Visakhapatnam and tested in the presence of fieldofficers.

The test regulars were as follows:

Sl. No.	Core Id	Location of the core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm^2		Remarks
				Achieved	Required	
I	**CC Road**					
1	C-1	L/s @ 100m	M20	11.70	15.00	Failed
2	C-2	Centre @ 174m	M20	9.00	15.00	Failed
3	C-3	R/s @ 254m	M20	18.90	15.00	Satisfactory
			Average	13.20	17.00	Failed
II	**C/S CC drain (on top)**					
4	C-4	Left wall @ 15m	M15	15.20	11.25	Satisfactory
5	C-5	Left wall @ 40m	M15	12.70	11.25	Satisfactory
6	C-6	Left wall @ 58m	M15	12.10	11.25	Satisfactory
			Average	13.33	12.75	Satisfactory

The test results revealed that the CC core samples extracted from the C.C. drain wall attained the strength requirement of specified M15 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000.

The CC core samples extracted from CC road failed to achieve the strength requirement of specified M20 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000. Hence, the CC road work was found to be liable for rejection and the value of rejection was arrived atRs.10,89,262/-.

The entire CC road of 301.80m length should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.10,89,262/- is proposed to be recovered from the agency (in case any payment is to be made to the agency) towards cost of the rejected work.

The V&E Dept. has not accepted the version of the officers and concluded that the allegations made by the petitioner that substandard quality road work was executed in Gollakotivaripalem (V) Modekurru GP of Kothapeta (M) was substantiated as the CC core samples extracted from the concrete road failed to attain the strength requirements of the specified M20 grade of concrete as per IS 456:2000.

Thus, Sri D. Veera Bhadra Rao, while working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Kothapeta (presently working as Mandal Engineering Officer, MPP, Ravulapalem, East Godavari Dist. (erstwhile)) has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.VEERA BHADRA RAO, THE THEN, MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, RAVULAPALEM, EAST GODAVARI DIST.(ERSTWHILE) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI D.VEERA BHADRA RAO, THE THEN MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, KOTHAPETA AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS MANDAL ENGINEERING OFFICER, MPP, RAVULAPALEM, EAST GODAVARI DIST.(ERSTWHILE) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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